## METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SEARCHING EXTERNAL ISSUES FOR TESTING A PRODUCT

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0039] Methods and apparatus for performing a test on a product include applying a test on a product and, if the test indicates a defect in the product, determining whether the defect is external to the product. The method further includes, if the defect is determined to be external to the product, skipping repair of the product for the defect. In one aspect, a method for performing a test on a product includes determining an external defect for the product and, if an external defect exists for the product, skipping further testing of the product for the determined external defect.